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Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	6	25	49	20
Range and Pasture	3	19	37	27	14

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Planted	90	87	81	87
Durum Wheat – Headed	98	95	95	96
– Mature	13	8	27	32
Barley – Headed	100	100	94	96
– Mature	27	10	33	38

Field Crops

For the week ending May 15, durum wheat has headed on 98 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on virtually all of the acreage. Thirteen percent of the durum wheat acreage has matured, while barley has matured on 27 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 90 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions are mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cabbage, carrots, and watermelons. Western Arizona reported very little vegetable shipments. Producers in central and western Arizona also shipped grapefruit, Valencias and tangerines.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending May 14. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Willcox to 6 degrees below normal at Kingman to. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Gila Bend and Yuma while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 24 degrees.

No precipitation was reported at any of the reporting stations. All reporting stations except Tucson are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

Range and Pasture Conditions

During April, rangeland and pasture condition in Arizona ranged from fair to excellent. Late April storms provided good moisture for May. There are areas, however, that are drying out rapidly due to wind conditions. Arizona livestock were in mostly fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly good to excellent. Pasture conditions were good to excellent at high elevations. Mid elevation conditions, however, were mostly fair to good. Lower elevation conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Livestock were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

Central pasture conditions were mostly fair to good. Grazing conditions at high elevations and low elevations ranged from fair to excellent. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Southern pastures varied from fair to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were mostly good at low elevations. Higher elevation pasture conditions ranged from fair to good. Mid elevations conditions were mostly fair. Livestock were in fair condition. Stock water was short to adequate. Soil moisture supplies were short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

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Temperatures and Precipitation Data
May 8 - May 14, 2005

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	59	-3	78	35	0.00	6.29	2.99
Casa Grande	75	-4	97	46	0.00	4.43	2.95
Coolidge	75	-5	96	45	0.00	4.91	3.54
Douglas	67	-3	90	40	0.00	4.95	2.16
Flagstaff	50	-4	69	24	0.00	15.50	9.07
Gila Bend	78	-5	99	50	0.00	3.09	2.48
Grand Canyon	51	-2	76	26	0.00	10.16	6.56
Kingman	65	-6	88	32	0.00	7.74	4.25
Parker	78	-5	98	53	0.00	4.22	2.43
Payson	59	-3	79	32	0.00	14.51	8.78
Phoenix	79	-3	96	60	0.00	5.30	3.02
Prescott Airport	57	-2	78	34	0.00	8.41	4.33
Safford Ag Center	69	-3	90	41	0.00	4.30	2.45
Tucson	73	-2	93	51	0.00	2.99	3.09
Willcox	65	-1	88	38	0.00	3.86	3.14
Winslow	61	-3	80	33	0.00	3.90	2.02
Yuma	78	-2	99	58	0.00	2.80	1.07

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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